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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-203320, laid-open July 19, 2002, which is accompanied by an English language abstract; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,728,178 to KOISHI et al., issued April 27, 2004, which is a patent family member of the above cited Japanese Patent Publication.

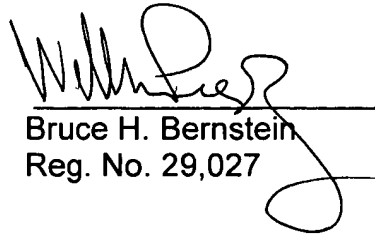
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted documents. Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next

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official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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